

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2607

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner

February 21, 2014

An act to add Section 241.15 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juveniles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2607, as introduced, Skinner. Juveniles: dual status children.

Existing law provides that whenever a minor appears to come within the descriptions of both a dependent child and a ward of the juvenile court, the county probation department and the child protective services department shall, pursuant to a jointly developed written protocol, initially determine which status will serve the best interests of the minor and the protection of society. Existing law authorizes the probation department and the child welfare services department in any county to create a protocol which would permit a minor who meets specified criteria to be designated as both a dependent child and a ward of the juvenile court, as specified. Under existing law, a minor who is designated as both a dependent child and a ward of the juvenile court is known as a dual status child.

This bill would prohibit a county from permitting a minor who is under the jurisdiction of the court as a dependent and who concurrently or subsequently comes under the jurisdiction of the court as a ward from remaining in juvenile detention beyond the completion of the period of confinement imposed by the court.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 241.15 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, immediately following Section 241.1, to read:
3 241.15. Notwithstanding any other law, a county shall not
4 permit a minor who came within the description of Section 300,
5 but who concurrently or subsequently came with the description
6 of Section 601 or 602, to remain in juvenile detention beyond the
7 completion of the period of confinement imposed by the court.

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